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SUBJECT: ICAO DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE/ ASSEMBLY-- PREPARATORY
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ATIONS

REF: STATE 052019 AND MARCH 15 GAITHER LETTER TO PEDERSEN

1. PEDERSEN ADVISES THAT NORDICS HAVE AGREED TO BEGIN
PREPARATORY CONSULTATIONS IN COPENHAGEN AFTERNOON
OF APRIL 26. EMBOFF MADE CASE FOR APRIL 25 BUT
PEDERSEN EMPHASIZED APRIL 26 EARLIEST DATE POSSIBLE
FOR NORDICS. LONG EASTER WEEKEND HAS BEEN PROBLEM,
ESPECIALLY FOR NORWEGIANS, WHO ACCORDING TO PEDERSEN
HAVE ONLY WITH GREAT RELUCTANCE FINALLY ACCEPTED
APRIL 26.

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2. PEDERSEN REQUESTS DEPARTMENT CONFER WITH CANADIANS AND CONFIRM ASAP ACCEPTABILITY APRIL 26 TO US AND CANADA. DANES WILL THEN INVITE FRG.

3. PEDERSEN APPRECIATES RECEIVING US VIEWS CONTAINED GAITHER'S MARCH 15 LETTER AND IS RECEPTIVE TO SUGGESTED COMMISSION OF EXPERTS, WHICH WOULD MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS DIRECTLY TO ALLEGED DEFAULTING STATES, AN IDEA HE RECALLS WAS CONTAINED IN ORIGINAL SWEDISH PROPOSAL. NORDICS HAVE NOT DEVELOPED AGREED POSITION ON THIS OR ON ANNEXES TO PROPOSAL, BUT WELCOME OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS THESE POINTS RE DISAGREEMENTS ARE KNOWN TO EXIST.

2. ARAB DIPLOMATS AND OTHER FOREIGN OBSERVERS IN MOSCOW HAVE VERY LITTLE INFORMATION ON SUBSTANCE OF VISIT AND SOVIET PRESS ACCOUNTS SHED LITTLE LIGHT. APPARENTLY, GAP BETWEEN SOVIET ACCEPTANCE OF SC 242 AND IRAQ'S MORE RADICAL APPROACH TO MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT REMAINS AS WIDE AS EVER, HOWEVER, CAUSING BOTH SIDES INSTEAD TO LAY STRESS IN STATEMENT ON SUPPORT FOR PALESTINIAN MOVEMENT, WHERE POSITIONS CONVERGE MORE CLOSELY. IN THIS CONNECTION, PRAVDA'S SYURIY ZHUKOV DURING HALF-HOUR TV PROGRAM MARCH 24 DEVOTED MAJOR PORTION OF TIME TO DISCUSSION OF PALESTINE GIVING SHORT HISTORY OF PROBLEM A- LA- KREMLIN WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON MAKE-UP OF PALESTINIAN LIBERATION MOVEMENT. ZHUKOV DEPLORED BLACK SEPTEMBER (BSO) TERRORISM AS HARMFUL TO PALESTINIAN CAUSE AND AS EXTREMIST ACTIVITY THAT SHOULD NOT BE ASSOCIATED WITH ARAFAT'S FATAH ORGANIZATION. DUBS

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